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Re: US Application No. 10/696,976  
Filing Date: October 30, 2003  
Our Reference: CRD5058USCNT  
"Gripper For Catheter Shaft"

Dear Examiner Bhatia,

Please accept the following Amendment mailed April 30, 2008.

I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Michael W. Montgomery

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008:

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